THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Inrfomation is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Prevention of AIDS

1192. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Population services International is engaged in the programme of AIDS prevention in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether some areas of the country have been benefited by services of P.S.I;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent so far ;

(e) whether the P.S.I. have been receiving financial assistance from Government ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Population Services Interntional is engaged in the one of the important activities of AIDS Prevention and Control Programme *i.e.* Promotion of condoms, which, in the absence of any vaccine or medicine for HIV/AIDS, is considered one of the most effective preventive tools.

Recently, Population Services International has developed a pilot project in Madras and Bombay for education and promotion of condoms in groups practising 'at risk' behaviour.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.

Grant of risk allowance

1193. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have, in principle agreed to grant Risk Allowance to its employees ; and

(b) if not, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Orders for grant of Risk Allowance to the eligible employees has already been issued by Deptt. of Personnel & Training vide Office Memorandum No. 21012/4/88-Estt. (Allowance) dated 19/22-8-1988. However, no decision has been taken to grant separate Risk Allowance to the employees getting Hospital Patient Care Allowance, which include Risk Allowance.

Family Welfare Measures

1194. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposed to hold an All Party Conference to evolve consensus on more rational and stringent family welfare measures ;

(b) whether Government have worked out any more effective measures to control family planning ;

(c) whether Government are aware that China has significantly reduced birth rate, if so, what are the measures they have adopted and the feasibility of their application in the country ; and

(d) by when and in what manner Government propose to achieved per cent and 1.5 per cent annual growth rates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to hold an All Party Conference to evolve consensus on more retional and stringent family welfare measures. However, after carrying out a detailed review of the population control efforts in the country in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations over the last few months, a draft Action Plan has been evolved. This Action Plan highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the Family Welfare Programme and to obtain the willing participation of all sections of the society, cutting across political, religious and cultural differences. Other key features of the draft Action Plan include, (1) improving the quality and outreach of family welfare